

REMARKS

The Applicant has noted the objections to the drawings and has supplied numbers to make it clear that the shank 52 of the fastener 46 extends into the tapped opening 76, with threads 52 registering with and being gripped in the tapped opening 76. In addition, there have been several other changes in the drawings, to eliminate ambiguities and errors. The fasteners, generally designated 46, each have a head portion 48, a flange or washer portion 50 and a threaded shank portion 52. The hold down ring is generally designated 14, but it includes a body portion 36 as well as radially outer and inner edge portions 40, 42 and upwardly and downwardly directed faces 36, 38. Any minor errors that may have occurred are being corrected to ensure that the numbers are correctly placed in the replacement sheets.

In the specification, paragraph 26, the phrase having numbers "4 to 6" has been replaced with "four to six" in paragraph 26. This eliminates any possible ambiguities. Regarding the rejection of claims 1-9, the expression "end wall" has been replaced with "radially outer end wall" in the claim and throughout the specification. Accordingly, the expression "said wall" in line 10 has now been clarified, with the axially facing end wall being defined as such. The side wall should be clear at this time because it is distinguished from the radially outer end wall, which is the wall formed at the end of the axial flange. The expression "thereon" has been stricken to eliminate any possible about the radially outer end wall. The expression "formed thereon" is no longer needed

Amendment to the Drawings

The attached two sheets of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1, 3, 4 and 5. These sheets, which includes Fig. 1 and 6 on 1/3 and Figs. 2-5 on 2/3, replace the original sheets. Annotated sheets showing the changes are also attached.

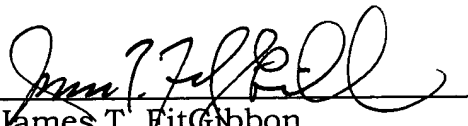
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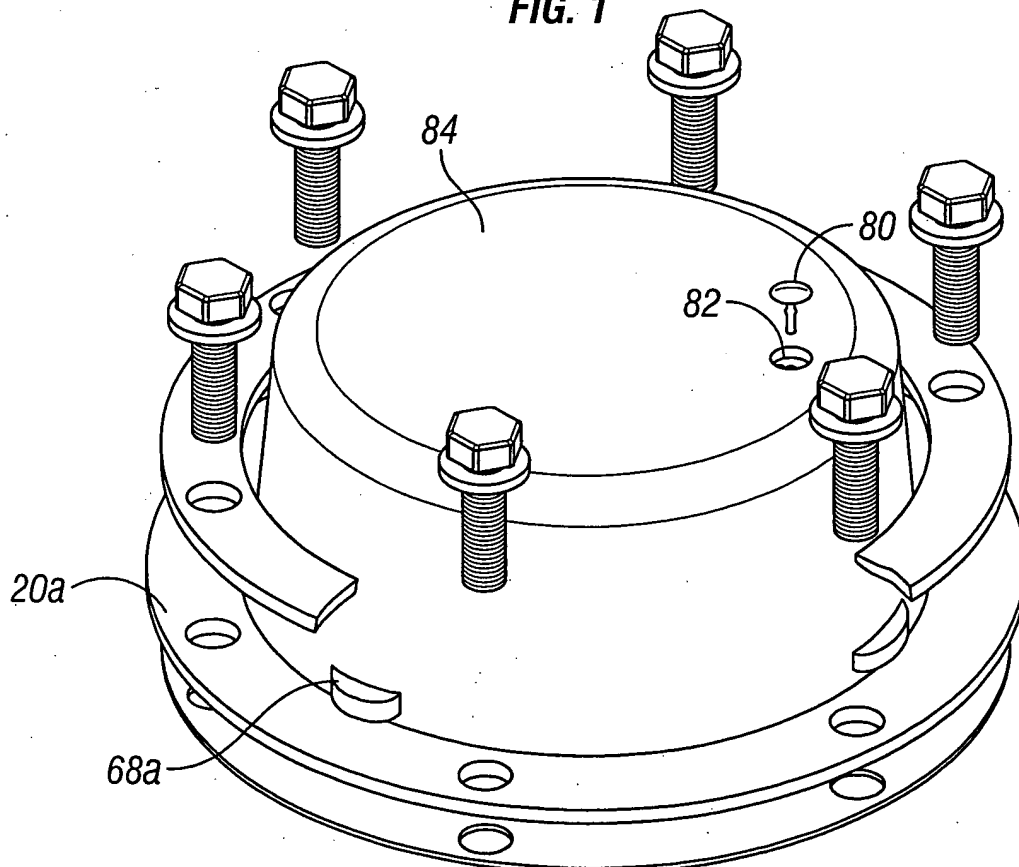
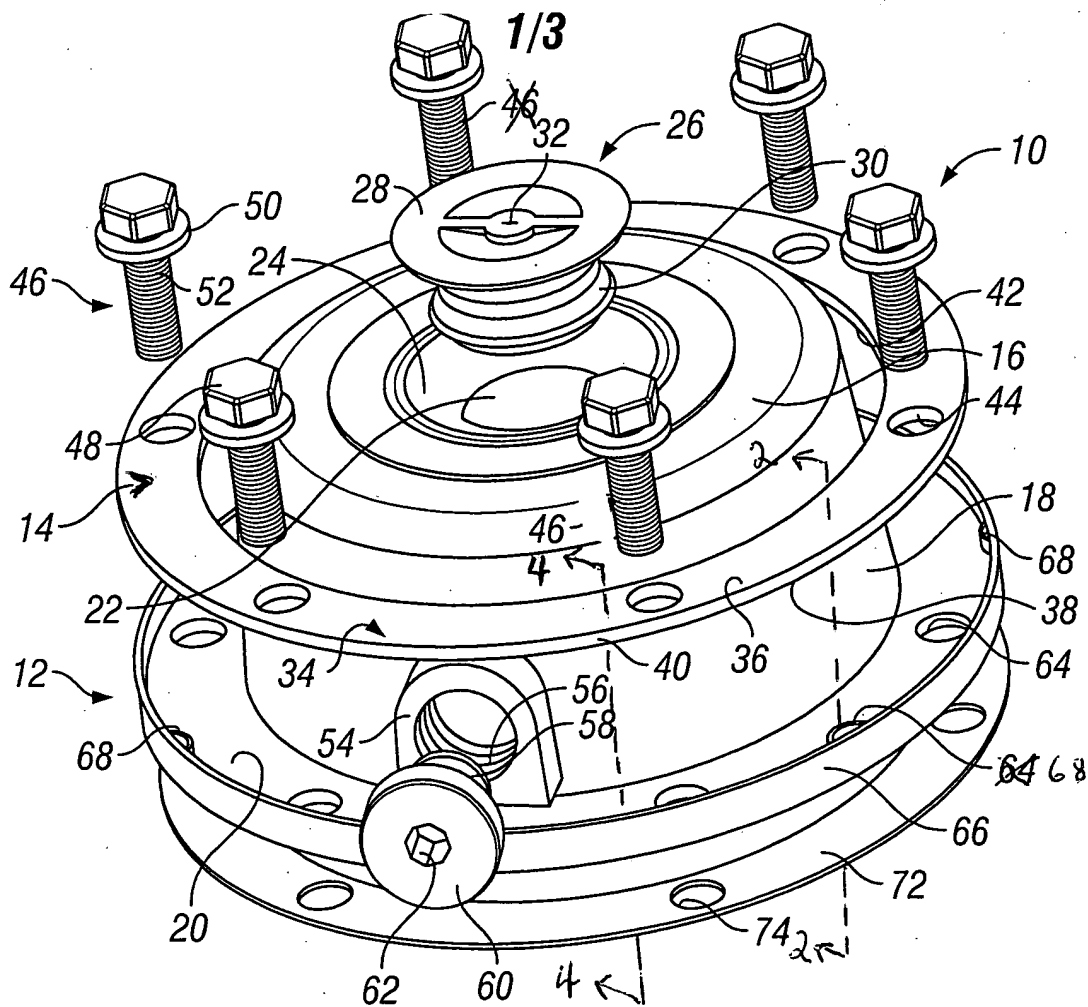
2 Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

and has been deleted from this claim. "Axially facing" has been inserted a number of times in claims 1 and 10. Claims 1 and 10 have the word "metal" removed therefrom, since a sufficiently stiff material need not be, but preferably is, metal as defined in claims 5 and 11.

The above amendments are submitted so as to place the case in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to call the undersigned at the convenience of the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,


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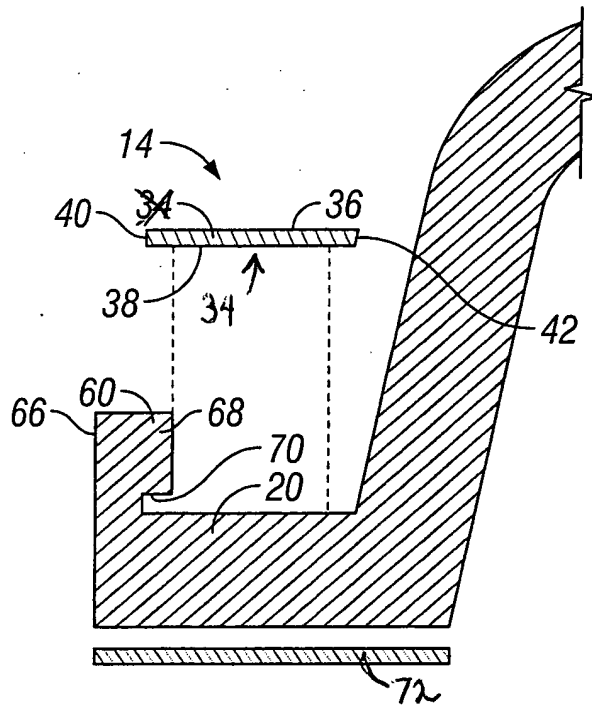
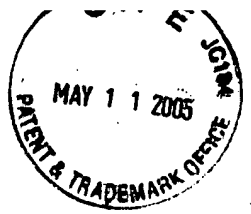


FIG. 2

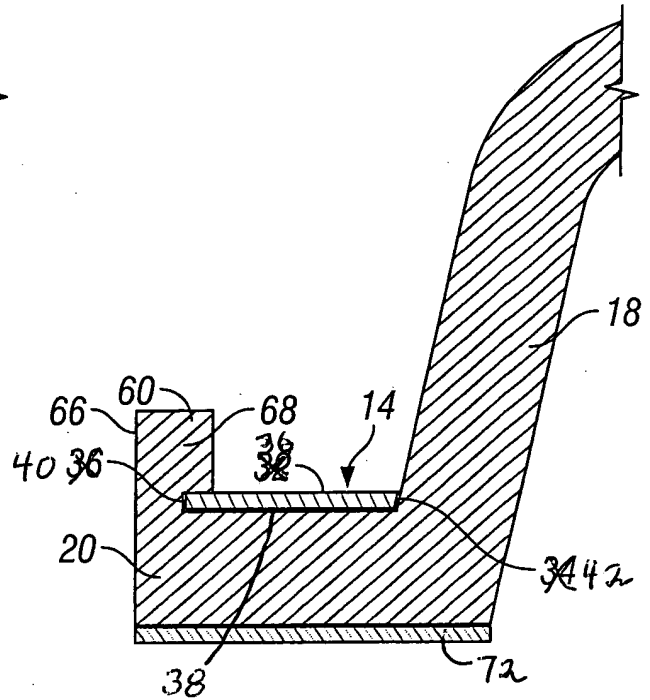


FIG. 3

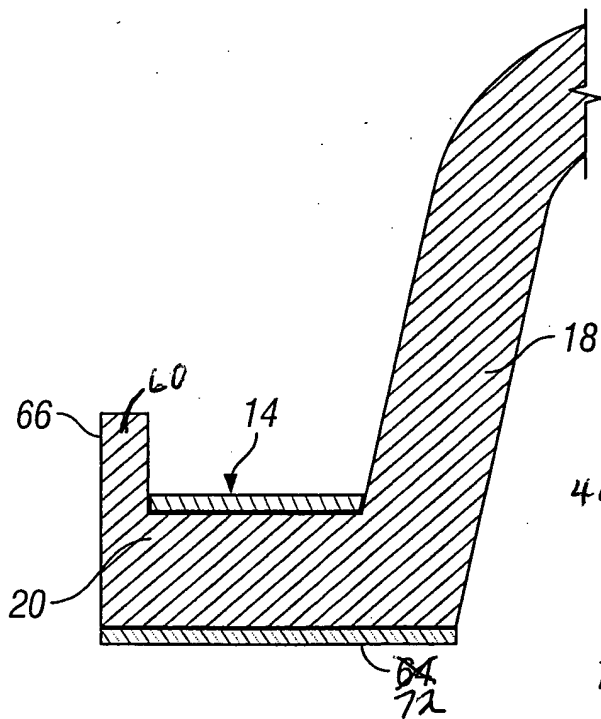


FIG. 4

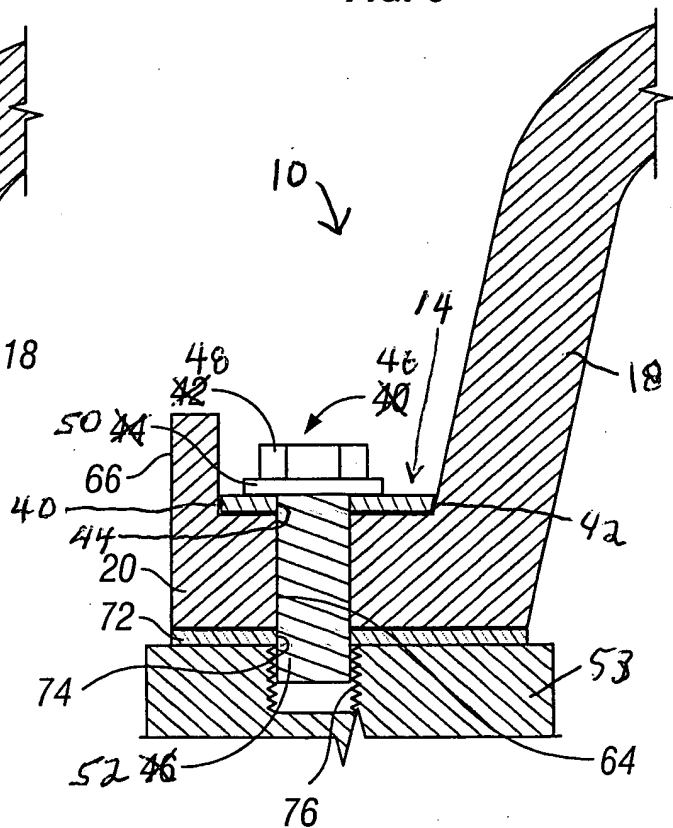


FIG. 5